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SUBJECT: NORTHERN IRELAND MEAT PROBLEM

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, THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS PRESENTED THE STATE DEPARTMENT AN AIDE MEMOIRE ON THE QUESTION OF NORTHERN IRELAND RESUMING TENDERING FOR THE SUPPLY OF MEAT TO US FORCES IN EUROPE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT USAF INSPECTORS STOPPED MAKING INSPECTION TRIPS TO NORTHERN IRELAND BECAUSE OF INTERNAL SECURITY THREAT AND INADEQUATE VOLUME OF BUSINESS GENERATED.

2. ON SAFETY QUESTION, NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITIES MAKE

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THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO SUPPORT RESUMPTION OF TENDERING:

A. AREA AROUND ABBEY MEATS PLANT IN BELFAST IS WELL-POLICED AND, AT PRESENT, UNLIKE BEFORE, THERE ARE FEW SIGNS OF VIOLENCE. THIS WAS PLANT WHICH CAUSED ORIGINAL CONCERN ON SAFETY. B. PLANT MAY BE REACHED DIRECTLY FROM AIRPORT VIA MOTORWAY, WITHOUT TRAVELLING THROUGH DANGEROUS AREAS OF BELFAST. THERE WOULD BE ONLY A REMOTE POSSIBILITY THAT

VETERINARIANS WOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN, OR INDEED EVEN SEE,
ANY VIOLENCE. C. NORTHERN IRELAND DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
WOULD NOW PROVIDE ALL TRANSPORT AND WOULD ARRANGE ALL MEALS
AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS SO AS TO ELIMINATE NEED FOR

VETERINARIANS TO FIND FOOD OR SHELTER IN MORE DANGEROUS
AREAS. D. US MILITARY INSPECTORS WOULD NOT BE EXPOSED TO
ANY MORE RISK THAN THE MANY OTHER BUSINESS AND OFFICIAL
VISITORS WHO FLOW DAILY TO THE CITY.

3. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS ON RESUMPTION OF MEAT INSPECTION
AND PURCHASING IN NORTHERN IRELAND SO THAT WE MAY PROVIDE
APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO BRITISH EMBASSY. CHRISTOPHER

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